

**Table 1. Number, median days, incidence rate<sup>1</sup> and relative standard errors of nonfatal occupational injuries and illnesses with days away from work<sup>2</sup> involving musculoskeletal disorders<sup>3</sup> by selected natures of injury or illness, Connecticut, 2000**

Nature	Number	Median days away from work	Incidence rate	Relative standard error
Total	9,840	5	79.3	4.5
02 Traumatic injuries to muscles, tendons, ligaments, joints, etc.	7,142	5	57.6	4.7
021 Sprains, strains, tears	7,142	5	57.6	4.7
09 Other traumatic injuries and disorders	1,127	7	9.1	7.2
097 Nonspecified injuries and disorders	1,127	7	9.1	7.2
0972 Back pain, hurt back	643	5	5.2	8.8
0973 Soreness, pain, hurt, except the back	484	8	3.9	9.9
12 Nervous system and sense organs diseases	615	20	5.0	9.0
124 Disorders of the peripheral nervous system	615	20	5.0	9.0
1241 Carpal tunnel syndrome	615	20	5.0	9.0
15 Digestive system diseases and disorders	499	27	4.0	9.8
153 Hernia	499	27	4.0	9.8
1530 Hernia, unspecified	261	31	2.1	12.9
1531 Inguinal hernia	209	20	1.7	14.3
1532 Hiatal hernia	20	19	0.2	45.1
1533 Ventral hernia	--	--	--	--
1539 Hernia, n.e.c.	--	--	--	--
17 Musculoskeletal system and connective tissue diseases and disorders	458	9	3.7	10.1
171 Arthropathies and related disorders (arthritis)	--	--	--	--
172 Dorsopathies	--	--	--	--
1721 Sciatica	--	--	--	--
1729 Dorsopathies, n.e.c.	--	--	--	--
173 Rheumatism, except the back	445	8	3.6	10.2
1730 Rheumatism, except the back, unspecified	18	44	0.1	47.0
1731 Bursitis	--	--	--	--
1733 Tendonitis	300	9	2.4	12.1
1734 Tenosynovitis	11	3	0.1	58.8
1735 Ganglion/cystic tumor	85	7	0.7	21.9
1739 Rheumatism, except the back, n.e.c.	--	--	--	--
174 Osteopathies, chondropathies, acquired deformities	--	--	--	--
1740 Osteopathies, chondropathies, acquired deformities, unspecified	--	--	--	--

<sup>1</sup> Incidence rates represent the number of injuries and illnesses per 10,000 full-time workers and were calculated as:  
 $(N / EH) \times 20,000,000$  where,

N = number of injuries and illnesses,  
 EH = total hours worked by all employees during the calendar year,  
 20,000,000 = base for 10,000 full-time equivalent workers (working 40 hours per week, 50 weeks per year).

<sup>2</sup> Days away from work include those which result in days away from work with or without restricted work activity.

<sup>3</sup> Includes cases where the nature of injury is: sprains, strains, tears; back pain, hurt back; soreness, pain, hurt, except back; carpal tunnel syndrome; hernia; or musculoskeletal system and connective tissue diseases and disorders and when the event or exposure leading to the injury or illness is: bodily reaction/bending, climbing, crawling, reaching, twisting; overexertion; or repetition. Cases of Raynaud's phenomenon, tarsal tunnel syndrome, and herniated spinal discs are not included. Although these cases may be considered MSD's, the survey classifies these cases in categories that also include non-MSD cases.

NOTE: Dashes indicate data that do not meet publication guidelines or data for incidence rates less than .05 per 10,000 full-time workers. The scientifically selected probability sample used was one of many possible samples, each of which could have produced different estimates. A measure of sampling variability for each estimate is available upon request.

SOURCE: Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, July 15, 2003